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| <i>Application Number</i> | 09/518,650 |
| <i>Filing Date</i> | 3/3/2000 |
| <i>First Named Inventor</i> | McCarthy |
| <i>Art Unit</i> | 2833 |
| <i>Examiner Name</i> | Leon |
| <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | 219507-000017 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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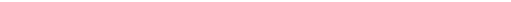
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